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TAGS: MILI, PINS, VS

SUBJECT: AIR AMERICA HELICOPTER DAMAGED BY GUNFIRE

1. AN AIR AMERICA HELICOPTER FLYING FOR THE THUA THIEN/QUANG TRI PROVINCIAL OFFICE WAS HIT BY SEVERAL ROUNDS (ESTIMATED AT 5) SMALL ARMS FIRE, BELIEVED TO BE AK 47, AT 0850 SEPTEMBER 16 AT COORDINATES YD 332565 IN TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, APPROXIMATELY 2 1/2 KILOMETERS EAST OF QUANG TRI CITADEL. ON BOARD THE HELICOPTER WERE THREE CREW AND ONE AMERICAN EMPLOYEE AND ONE PHILIPPINO EMPLOYEE OF OUR QUANG TRI PROVINCIAL OFFICE, BOTH REFUGEE OFFICERS. NO RPT NO PERSONS WERE WOUNDED. THE HELICOPTER RETURNED UNDER ITS OWN POWER AND LANDED SAFELY IN DANANG AT APPROXIMATELY 0930.

2. ACCORDING TO AIR AMERICA STATION CHIEF CAPTAIN FRANK STERGAR, CHOPPER WAS FLYING AT APPROXIMATELY 50-FOOT ALTITUDE ON HEADING 020. COORDINATES INDICATE POSITION WAS NOT FAR FROM QUANG TRI MAIN LINE OF RESISTANCE. THERE IS A RESETTLEMENT SITE AT THIS LOCATION WHICH HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN VISITED BY CONGEN REPRESENTATIVES WITHOUT INCIDENT, MOST RECENTLY SEPTEMBER 9. PILOT TOLD STERGAR THAT SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS "INTENSE." STERGAR SAYS HE

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EXPECTS HELICOPTER WILL REQUIRE ROTOR BLADE CHANGE BUT SAYS

HIS MECHANICS ARE STILL INSPECTING HELICOPTER, AND FULL EXTENT
OF DAMAGE IS STILL UNDETERMINED.

3. I AM INSTRUCTING OUR HELICOPTER PILOTS NOT TO FLY IN THIS
AREA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, PENDING A RE-EXAMINATION OF SECURITY
IN THIS LOCATION.
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